

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2010, claims 1-6 have been amended. Claims 1-6 remain in the application. Entry of these amendments, and re-consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Applicant's attorney has made amendments to the claims as indicated above. Unless otherwise indicated, these amendments were made solely for the purpose of clarifying the language of the claims, and were not required for patentability or to distinguish the claims over the prior art.

III. PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

In paragraph (2) of the Office Action, claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious in view of the combination of Freeman et al., U.S. Publication 2002/0188943 (Freeman) and Rainville et al., U.S. Publication 2002/0069411 (Rainville). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Discussion

The claims of the present application describe methods and apparatuses for allowing a subscriber to select and view a video image. A user interface for allowing a subscriber to select from and view a plurality of video images each representing a unique camera angle captured by one or more cameras at an event at a given venue to provide camera angle displays in accordance with one or more embodiments of the present invention comprises software for providing images to a subscriber viewing device, said subscriber viewing device further including on-screen indicia to the subscriber viewing device to facilitate navigation between said camera angle displays, said on-screen indicia comprising a transparent bar, a display of navigation keys to provide the subscriber with directional navigation instructions, and a textual description of a current camera angle display being viewed, all superimposed upon said subscriber viewing device, and video image selection means for providing the subscriber with a means of selecting from a variety of said camera angle displays for viewing said event on the subscriber viewing device, the selecting means presented to the subscriber throughout the event, such that selecting a particular camera angle from the variety of camera angles

directly changes from the current camera angle to the particular camera angle at the time of selecting the particular camera angle.

The cited references do not teach or suggest the limitations of the claims of the present invention. Specifically, the cited references do not teach or suggest at least the limitation of the subscriber selecting from a plurality of video images on a subscriber viewing device wherein the selecting means is presented to the subscriber throughout the event as recited in the claims of the present application.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's response to the previously submitted arguments. The Office Action indicates that the producer (control studio) 5 is an example of a user of the interface system in Freeman. Applicant traverses this characterization, however, in order to clarify that a user or subscriber is not located at the transmission end of the system, Applicant has clarified the claims to indicate that a subscriber makes the selection of camera angles, and does so on a subscriber viewing device, rather than from the control studio 5 via the control computer 135 as taught by Freeman.

The amendments and arguments presented herein are supported by the specification as filed on at least pages 3 and 9.

Thus, Applicant submits that independent claims 1-6 are allowable over Freeman and Rainville.

IV. CONCLUSION

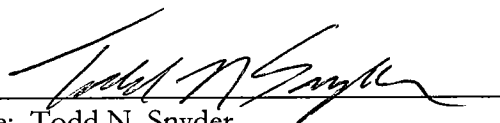
In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Should any fees be associated with this submission, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,

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